



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

## AGENDA

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REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017  
PLAZA CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL – 500 CASTRO STREET  
6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL** – Commissioners Kevin Boer, Serge Bonte, Shannon Casey, Jim Neal, Julie Solomon, Vice Chair Evan Ortiz, and Chair Aila Malik.

3. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Minutes for the March 2, 2017 meeting have been delivered to Commissioners and a copy posted on the City Hall bulletin board. If there are no corrections or additions, a motion is in order to approve these minutes.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes. State law prohibits the Commission from acting on nonagenda items.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1 **UPDATE FROM THE LGBTQI NEEDS AND ASSETS ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Subcommittee will present an oral report.

Action may be taken on this item.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**6.2 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THEIR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Staff will provide an overview of the Police Department's programs and services and respond to questions from the Commission.

No action will be taken on this item.

**6.3 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROCESS TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL LETTERS OF SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION IN RESPONSE TO ISSUES AND/OR EVENTS THAT OCCUR IN THE COMMUNITY, AND THE ABILITY OF THE COMMISSION TO ENDORSE OR SPONSOR NON-CITY SPONSORED COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Review of Human Relations Commission foundational documents and current practice and policies.
- Discuss possible considerations and procedures for developing such a process.

Action may be taken on this item.

**7. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMISSION REPORTS**

No action will be taken on any questions raised by the Commission at this time.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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## ADDRESSING THE BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

- Interested persons are entitled to speak on any item on the agenda and should make their interest known to the Chair.
- Anyone wishing to address the Commission on a nonagenda item may do so during the "Oral Communications" part of the agenda. Speakers are allowed to speak one time on any number of topics for up to three minutes.



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## MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL – 500 CASTRO STREET  
6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. with Chair Malik presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Kevin Boer, Serge Bonte, Shannon Casey, Jim Neal, Julie Solomon, Vice Chair Evan Ortiz, and Chair Aila Malik.

**Absent:** None.

3. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Motion**—M/S Boer/Casey—Carried 7-0—Minutes for the February 2, 2017 meeting were approved without modification.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Sally Fox shared her experiences with working with her condominium board to improve the landscaping on the property.
- Brian Wo, cofounder of Before Our Very Eyes, a nonprofit focused on raising awareness of human-trafficking activities, introduced the nonprofit to the Human Relations Commission (HRC), and asked the Commission to consider collaborating to develop a local awareness event in Mountain View as part of the HRC's Fiscal Year 2017-18 work plan.

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 5.1 COMMUNITY BUILDING FORUM EVENT DEBRIEF

NOTE: Item 5.1 was considered out of agenda order.

The Subcommittee presented an oral report for the event held on February 11, 2017.

The Commission discussed possible next steps/items for consideration for future events that includes planning a larger-scale resource fair for information and referrals; holding an immigrant community event at a school or at a local church; planning a celebration of community values; and establishing a virtual message board for continued dialogue.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTS

NOTE: Item 6.1 was considered out of agenda order

The HRC held a public hearing to decide how CDBG and HOME capital project funding requests will be distributed. Senior Planner Adams gave a staff report on the City Council's guidelines for use of CDBG and HOME funds, listed the applicants, and provided direction for public hearing protocols. Senior Planner Adams took questions from the Commissioners. Chair Malik opened the floor for the applicants to speak.

CDBG/HOME Applicants—Representatives from Rebuilding Together and MidPen Housing commented on their proposals.

**Motion**—M/S Ortiz/Neal—Carried 6-1; Boer no—To recommend to City Council to approve staff's recommendation for the allocation of \$480,000 of CDBG funding, allocating \$40,000 to Rebuilding Together Peninsula Safe at Home Program, \$50,000 to Cortez Rental Rehabilitation Project, and \$390,000 to the MidPen Housing Fountains Apartments Rehabilitation, and an allocation of \$180,000 of HOME funding to the MidPen Housing new units at Shorebreeze Apartments, and to carry over \$10,000 of CDBG funding to Fiscal Year 2018-19.

## 6.2 REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON 2017-18 AND 2018-19 CITY COUNCIL MAJOR GOALS

Staff presented an overview of the City Council's proposed 2017-18 and 2018-19 City Council Major Goals, highlighting the proposed continuation of the three existing goals with minor modifications and the proposed fourth goal for 2017-18 and 2018-19, and existing advisory body work plan items that support the existing goals.

After dialogue and discussion, the Commission voted to recommend the following potential projects/activities/initiatives to support the City Council Major Goals for 2017-18 and 2018-19 for Council consideration:

Goal: Promote strategies to protect vulnerable populations and preserve the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of the community.

- Publicly funded elections
- Immigrant affairs commission
- Expansion of voting rights
- Human Rights City implementation (celebration/public art, policy analysis framework)

Goal: Improve the quantity, diversity, and affordability of housing with an added focus on middle-income and ownership opportunities.

- Prohibition of discrimination against Section 8 and rental subsidy recipients
- Policies regarding short-term rental (e.g., Airbnb)
- Explore community land trusts

Goal: Develop and implement comprehensive and coordinated transportation strategies to achieve mobility, connectivity, and safety for people of all ages.

- Increase use of traffic circles/roundabouts/rotaries
- Vision Zero
- Call boxes at parks

- Community education on distracted driving, especially to youth
- Develop Dutch intersections

Goal: Promote environmental sustainability with measurable outcomes.

- Lobby for State environmental regulation
- Require donation of food by restaurants, groceries, and other companies
- Water conservation education (post-drought)
- Increase community gardening
- Reduction of carbon emissions from construction
- Paperless Council and commission meetings

## **7. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Bonte requested letters of support to be sent to the South Asian community in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Jewish Center Community Center in Palo Alto.

Commissioner Bonte asked that staff provide Commissioners information, guidance, and/or training on public records act laws or requests and use of private devices in light of the recent State Supreme Court rulings.

Commissioner Neal clarified that the Day Worker Center reduced their request for funds from Fiscal Year 2015-16 and that he would like to understand the difference in funding requests for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

Commissioner Malik asked to add to a future agenda a discussion of a process by which the HRC could assess and recommend that the City Council take a position and/or write letters of solidarity or opposition in response to issues and/or events that occur in the community.

Commissioner Malik announced that the Multicultural Festival has been rescheduled to June 10, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Malik announced that the Los Altos Community Foundation is currently accepting applications for Project Inspire Mountain View.

Commissioner Malik announced that the Day Worker Center is planning a May Day rally on May 1 and has asked if the HRC could endorse the event.

Staff announced that the Downtown Spring Parade will be held on April 22, 2017. Commissioners are invited to participate in the parade.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

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## CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

### MEMORANDUM

City Manager's Office

**DATE:** April 6, 2017

**TO:** Human Relations Commission

**FROM:** Audrey Seymour Ramberg, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Human Relations Commission Discussion Regarding a Process to Recommend City Council Letters of Support or Opposition in Response to Issues and/or Events that Occur in the Community and the Ability of the Commission to Endorse or Sponsor Non-City Sponsored Community Events

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#### **BACKGROUND**

At its March 2, 2017 Human Relations Commission (HRC) meeting, the HRC requested to agendaize for discussion at a future meeting, a process to recommend to City Council letters of support or opposition in response to issues and/or events that occur in the Community, and the ability of the HRC to endorse or sponsor non-City sponsored community events.

#### **DISCUSSION**

During the development of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 HRC Work Plan, the HRC proposed a work plan item to write letters of empathy and support to equivalent organizations and/or commissions in other agencies for incidents that occur in Mountain View or have an impact on members of the community, such as the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida and the anti-Muslim rhetoric that targeted the Evergreen Islamic Center in San Jose.

Additionally, a request has been made of the HRC to endorse the upcoming May 1, 2017, May Day march organized by the Day Worker Center, in support of comprehensive immigration reform.

#### **Role of Advisory Bodies**

The City Code designates the City Council as the legislative and policy-making body for the City, and provides for the establishment of various boards, commissions, and

committees to assist the Council in making policy decisions and serve in an advisory capacity on a wide range of matters. Boards, commissions, and committees do not set or establish City policy or administrative direction for City staff.

Some of the responsibilities of the HRC include advising the City Council on new and emerging social concerns/cultural diversity issues facing the community and serving as a forum for public discussion regarding social issues/concerns facing the community and its residents. The Commission has been able to fulfill these responsibilities in a number of ways, primarily through its agenda at regular and special HRC meetings, through public comment at these meetings, where members of the public can address the Commission to share thoughts, concerns, or raise awareness on issues; through policy recommendations such as the Human Rights City resolution; and through Civility Roundtables, held annually, that address a variety of topics of concern in the community, including police/community relations, housing disparity and displacement, diversity, and civility. In order to ensure Council support for the allocation of staff resources and consistency with general Council policy, such Commission activities are included in the HRC's annual work plan which is approved by Council each year.

Due to its advisory body capacity, the HRC is limited in the type of advocacy action, endorsement, support, or opposition it may make independent of the City Council. This includes writing letters of empathy, support, or opposition on issues and/or events that occur in the community or endorsing any advocacy action, events, or movements, similar to the May Day Celebration, on behalf of the City of Mountain View without full Council action and direction.

Additionally, Council Policy A-16, Positions on Ballot Measures and Legislative Advocacy, states that full Council action is required to support, oppose, or endorse any type of grassroots advocacy action, such as social, political, or economic movements, that are not legislation.

### **Commission Advocacy Action Criteria and Procedures for Consideration**

If the HRC wishes to define a Commission advocacy policy, criteria, and/or procedure to recommend for Council consideration, it would be good for the Commission to discuss the following questions:

1. What type issues and/or events should be acted on?

2. What criteria would be used to determine whether to take an action on a particular issue or event?
  - a. Is this a local issue?
  - b. How does the issue or action affect our community?
  - c. Does the information and/or request come from a trusted partner (e.g., Santa Clara County, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, California Association of Human Relations Commissions, etc.)?
  - d. Is there existing Council policy direction regarding this issue or event?
  - e. What is the desired outcome of the action and will the action be effective?
  - f. Could taking an action result in any perception of bias or discrimination?
3. What different types of actions might be appropriate (e.g., letter of support or opposition, proclamation, adjournment of a meeting in recognition of an event or individual, etc.)?
4. What process would allow for a timely and efficient response?
  - a. What resources are needed to research the issue and draft the response?
  - b. What should the process be for referring matters to the City Council?
  - c. Does the HRC propose items that it could act on without referral to the City Council?

### **NEXT STEPS**

Due to the limits that current policies place on commissions undertaking advocacy activities, staff recommends that the HRC consider its interest in developing a work plan item for Fiscal Year 2017-18 to develop a policy for City Council consideration that outlines criteria and procedures for the HRC to take positions on issues and/or events that occur in the community.

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- Attachments:
1. [Board, Commission and Committee Handbook](#)
  2. [A-16 Positions on Ballot Measures and Legislative Advocacy](#)
  3. [A-23 Work Item Referral Process for Council Advisory Bodies and Councilmember Committees](#)